

Cedar Glen Disaster Recovery Redevelopment Project Area
Project Area Committee

Saturday, April 21, 2007
Fire Station 91
301 S. State Highway 173, Lake Arrowhead, CA
10:00 AM

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present

Dick Pretzinger	Resident Owner-Occupant (Chair)
Kevin Ryan	Resident Owner-Occupant
Wayne Palmer	Christmas in April
Chuck Peters	Lake Arrowhead Comm. Chamber of Commerce (Vice Chair)

Members Absent

Larry Doetsch	Resident Second-Home Owner
Peter Markovich	Business Owner

Staff Present

Kathy Thomas	Redevelopment Director
Gary Hallen	Redevelopment Project Manager
Jim Oravets	Division Chief, Special Districts
Cheryl Nagy	Field Representative 3 rd Supervisorial District

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Dick Pretzinger at 10:03 a.m.

Certification of Posting

Staff certified the agendas were posted at the following locations:

- Cedar Glen Post Office
- Fire Station 91
- Cedar Glen Trading Post and Hardware
- Lake Arrowhead Post Office

Approval of Minutes

Chuck Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the PAC meeting of May 26, 2006, seconded by Wayne Palmer. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

Presentations

Staff provided an update regarding the status of the housing programs as of April 20, 2007. The status is as follows:

Applications received = 16

Land Use Services Grants Issued = 10

Totaling \$40,000 of funds awarded

Housing Rehab Grants Issued= 3

Totaling \$12,000 of funds awarded

Housing Rehab Loans application received and processing = 3

Totaling \$90,000 of funds to be awarded

Land Use Service Grant funds available = \$260,000

Housing Rehab Loan and Grant funds available = \$798,000

Staff also advised the PAC in June 2007 a mailer would be sent out to market the housing programs, so that we can encourage residents to utilize the funds available. Staff also suggested that the Redevelopment Agency facilitate another PAC meeting a year after the housing programs have been fully implemented to report on the progress. This will help the PAC evaluate if changes are necessary to the housing programs, such as redefining the programs or implementing new programs such as chimney demolition program.

Special Districts (SD) staff provided an update of the election results for the Cedar Glen Improvement Zone Road Maintenance District. The election was conducted from February 27 to April 16, 2007. The results were as follows:

Total Ballots Mailed - 3,327

Total Ballots Received - 1,239 37%

Total Ballots Counted - 1,191 36%

Total Ballots Disqualified - 54 (No receipts, receipt not signed, duplicates)

Total No Votes - 620

Total Yes Votes - 554

Staff also indicated it was their plan to initiate another election after one (1) year, because it was mandatory to wait one after the initial election unless there was a significant problem with the ballots. If there was a problem with the ballots, SD could go out to another election earlier than the one-year period. Staff indicated "True Ballots Company" processed the ballots.

Dick Prezinger asked why streetlights were included on the ballots, and mentioned that might have been the reason for the poor election results. Staff reported that they would discuss with County Counsel if the mention of "streetlights" were a significant failure to warrant a re-ballot. Staff also indicated that the results of the election need to be evaluated to find out if the "out of community" voters made up the majority of the no votes or if it was the residents along Hook Creek currently receiving road services.

Staff also indicated that this would **not** slow down the process of moving ahead with the water improvement project, which is phase one (1) of the project and that SD will move forward with the design and the initial work this year. The funds from the Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Grant from the State of California can be spent immediately, so the work on the water project will move forward as planned.

Discussion

Kathy Thomas presented a list proposed business improvements, which included projects and programs of nine (9) different scenarios to assist the businesses in the Cedar Glen commercial area.

The PAC members commented that the most important improvement is having some identification off HWY 173 indicating that you have arrived to the community of Cedar Glen. Dick Pretzinger also mention that improvements on HWY 173, such as right turn lane to have access onto Hook Creek Rd. or going northbound on HWY 173 allowing a left turn lane to allow access onto Hook Creek Rd. In addition, a right turn lane on Hook Creek as you head northbound onto HWY 173.

Members of the Business community recommended the best use of the funds to assist the business community would be to invest in a monument sign identifying Cedar Glen, and to have the monument sign designed by local mountain artists. Other suggestion included Cedar Glen banners to be hung throughout the business area off light standards and other poles. Parking Improvements and restriping along Oak Terrace. Street furniture such as benches and other amenities to encourage pedestrians to walk. Design standards that businesses can use to rehab their businesses. Increased presence of Code Enforcement and Sheriff to assist in the decrease of graffiti and theft. A crosswalk going across HWY 173 because a school bus stops on west side of the HWY.

Public Comments

None

PAC Members Comments

Dick Pretzinger mentioned that he would like to have SD come back to report on the status of a new ballot if that is the direction they are going.

Staff Comments

Staff stated the first priority to look into the Monument Signage and other possible signage along HWY 173. The goal would be to bring back to the PAC members information as it relates to decide what direction they would prefer to June 10, 2006 at 9:00 am held at the Lake Arrowhead Elementary.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Approved *on Behalf of the Chair*
Suzanne Palmer
Chair